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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL: MEETING OF PREMISES
COMMISSION

FROM DICKERSON, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE FOR PHILLIPS

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO SECRETARY
GENERAL CHEVALIER ANNEZ DE TABOADA, CUSTOMS COOPERATION
COUNCIL.

2. QUOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 27, WITH ITS
ATTACHED NOTE, CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE
PREMISES COMMISSION.

3. THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IS RELUCTANT TO PRO-
CEED WITH SITE SELECTION FOR THE NEW COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS
PREMISES IN THE ABSENCE OF ASSISTANCE BY A QUALIFIED
ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL ADVICE. IN THIS
CONNECTION YOU WILL RECALL THE RELEVANT RECOMMENDATION OF
THE PREMISES COMMISSION IN PARAGRAPH 14(C) OF COUNCIL
DOCUMENT 22.540, WHICH REPORT WAS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL
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AT ITS PLENARY SESSION IN JUNE 1976.

4. THE UNITED STATES IS ALSO RELUCTANT TO FINALIZE SITE SELECTION WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT OF THE FIVE NATIONS MAKING A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNCIL (FRANCE, GERMANY, JAPAN, THE UK, AND THE U.S.). THE UNITED STATES SUGGESTS THAT IN LIEU OF THE MEETING OF THE PREMISES COMMISSION SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28, THE AD HOC WORKING PARTY, OR THE GROUP OF FIVE, BE CONVENED ON THE SAME DATES, ASSISTED BY THE PROPERTY EXPERTS, TO CLARIFY AND REDEFINE PROCEDURES FOR THE

ACQUISITION OF NEW HEADQUARTER PREMISES. IF THIS GROUP CAN AGREE ON SITE SELECTION THE MATTER COULD THEN BE CONSIDERED BY THE PREMISES COMMISSION IN A SHORT MEETING. SIGNATURE G. R. DICKERSON. UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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